

Table 1. Number, median days, incidence rate¹ and relative standard errors of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses with days away from work² involving musculoskeletal disorders³ by selected natures of injury or illness, Washington, 2001

Nature		Number	Median days away from work	Incidence rate	Relative standard error
Total		19,581	7	112.1	3.3
02	Traumatic injuries to muscles, tendons, ligaments, joints, etc.	16,007	6	91.6	3.4
021	Sprains, strains, tears	16,007	6	91.6	3.4
09	Other traumatic injuries and disorders	1,125	7	6.4	7.8
097	Nonspecified injuries and disorders	1,125	7	6.4	7.8
0972	Back pain, hurt back	500	5	2.9	11.3
0973	Soreness, pain, hurt, except the back	625	10	3.6	10.2
12	Nervous system and sense organs diseases	774	17	4.4	9.3
124	Disorders of the peripheral nervous system	774	17	4.4	9.3
1241	Carpal tunnel syndrome	774	17	4.4	9.3
15	Digestive system diseases and disorders	686	14	3.9	9.8
153	Hernia	686	14	3.9	9.8
1530	Hernia, unspecified	--	--	--	--
1531	Inguinal hernia	565	14	3.2	10.7
1533	Ventral hernia	43	16	0.3	37.4
1539	Hernia, n.e.c.	64	9	0.4	30.7
17	Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue diseases and disorders	990	10	5.7	8.3
170	Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue diseases and disorders, unspecified	--	--	--	--
171	Arthropathies and related disorders (arthritis)	--	--	--	--
172	Dorsopathies	--	--	--	--
1720	Dorsopathies, unspecified	--	--	--	--
1721	Sciatica	--	--	--	--
1722	Lumbago	--	--	--	--
1723	Disc disorders, except dislocation	--	--	--	--
1729	Dorsopathies, n.e.c.	--	--	--	--
173	Rheumatism, except the back	912	8	5.2	8.6
1730	Rheumatism, except the back, unspecified	227	11	1.3	16.6
1731	Bursitis	68	2	0.4	29.9
1733	Tendonitis	284	10	1.6	14.8
1734	Tenosynovitis	202	7	1.2	17.5
1735	Ganglion/cystic tumor	--	--	--	--
1736	Myositis	--	--	--	--
1739	Rheumatism, except the back, n.e.c.	110	5	0.6	23.6
174	Osteopathies, chondropathies, acquired deformities	--	--	--	--
1749	Osteopathies, chondropathies, acquired deformities, n.e.c.	--	--	--	--
179	Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue diseases and disorders, n.e.c.	--	--	--	--

¹ Incidence rates represent the number of injuries and illnesses per 10,000 full-time workers and were calculated as: (N / EH) X 20,000,000 where,

N = number of injuries and illnesses,
EH = total hours worked by all employees during the calendar year,
20,000,000 = base for 10,000 full-time equivalent workers (working 40 hours per week, 50 weeks per year).

² Days away from work include those which result in days away from work with or without restricted work activity.

³ Includes cases where the nature of injury is: sprains, strains, tears; back pain, hurt back; soreness, pain, hurt, except back; carpal tunnel syndrome; hernia; or musculoskeletal system and connective tissue diseases and disorders and when the event or exposure leading to the injury or illness is: bodily reaction/bending, climbing, crawling, reaching, twisting; overexertion; or repetition. Cases of Raynaud's phenomenon, tarsal tunnel syndrome, and herniated spinal discs are not included. Although these cases may be considered MSD's, the survey classifies these cases in categories that also include non-MSD cases.

NOTE: Dashes indicate data that do not meet publication guidelines or data for incidence rates less than .05 per 10,000 full-time workers. The scientifically selected probability sample used was one of many possible samples, each of which could have produced different estimates. A measure of sampling variability for each estimate is available upon request.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, August 04, 2003